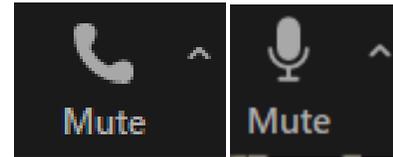


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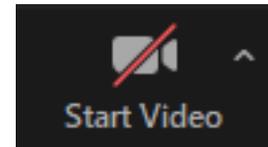
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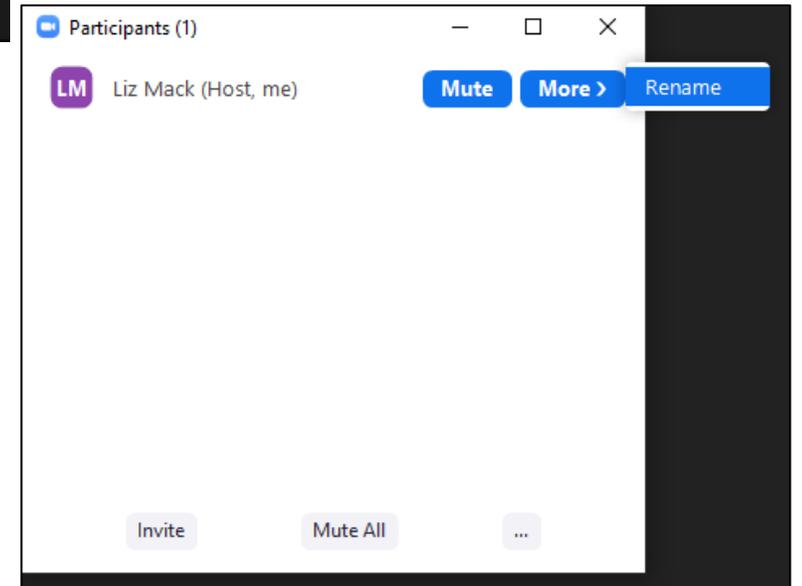
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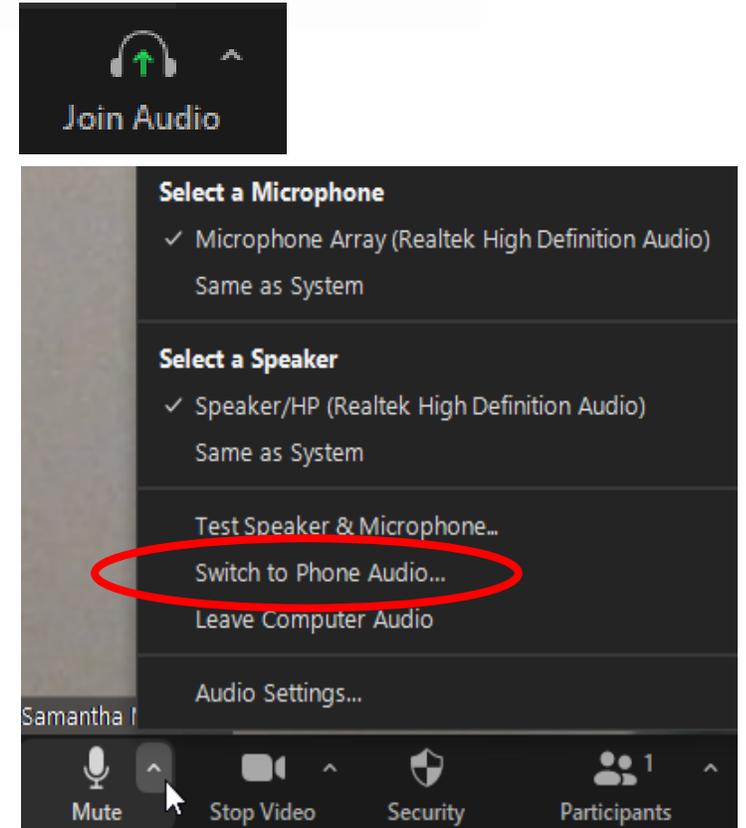


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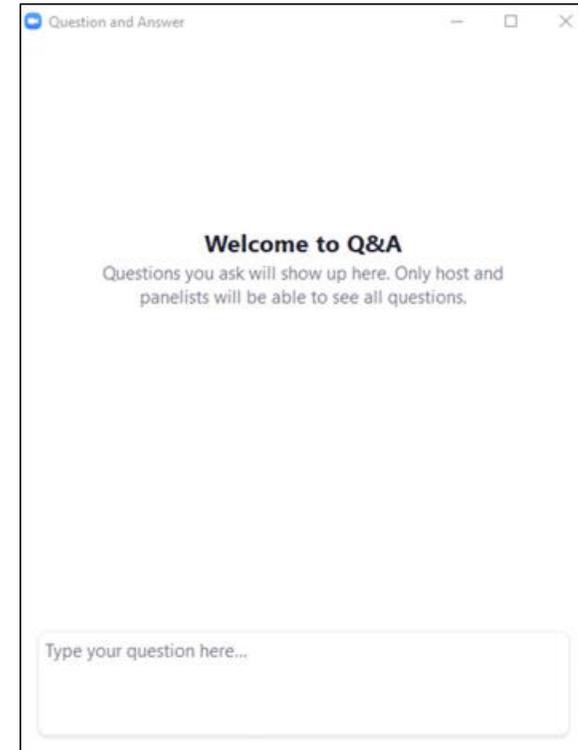
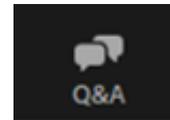


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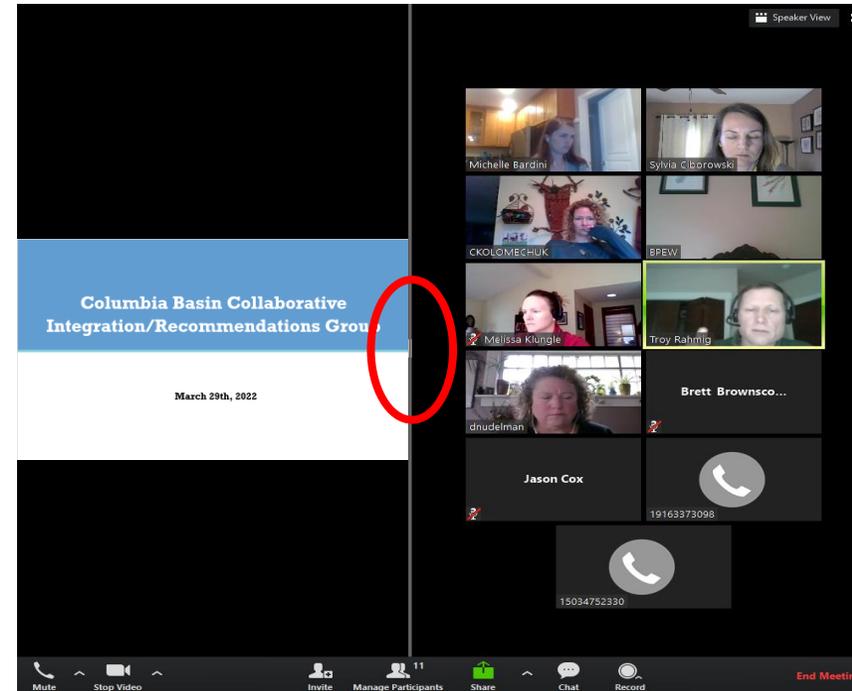
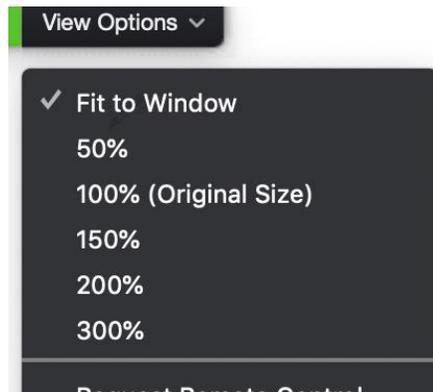
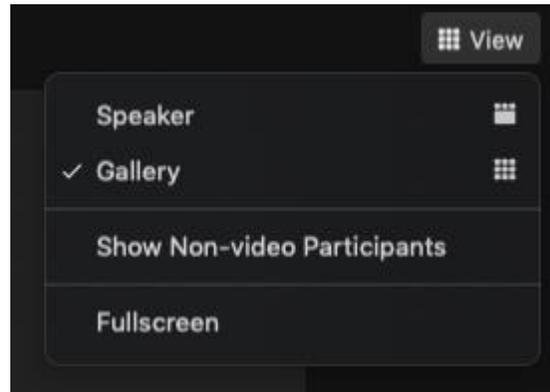
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# Meeting Guidelines

- Honor the agenda
- Be present
- Enter the space ready to collaborate
- Listen to understand and ask questions to clarify
- Balance speaking time
- Seek alignment and common ground wherever possible
- Focus on your interests, not positions
- Invent options for mutual gain
- Separate the people from the problem



# Agenda Review

Time (PT)	Topic
1:00 – 1:10pm	Welcome and Agenda Review
1:10 – 1:40pm	Consensus on Recommendations: 1) Pinniped, 2) Cormorants, 3) Piscine
<del>1:40 – 2:00pm</del>	<del>Review of Caspian Terns Recommendation</del>
1:40 – 2:50pm	Review of Systemwide Recommendations
2:50 – 3:00pm	Confirm Next Steps, Upcoming Meeting Topics, and Summary

**Desired outcome:** Review and finalize short term recommendations.

# Consensus on Recommendations

*Consensus is reached when every Member, at the very least, does not oppose a decision.*

# Predation Draft Final Recommendations

## **Pinniped:**

- Recommend enhancements and modifications to the existing Marine Mammal Protection Act Section 120 Pinniped Removal Program, including extending authorization and increasing funding.

# Predation Draft Final Recommendations

## **Avian:**

- Implement sustained management effort to reduce double-crested cormorant (DCCO) abundance on the Astoria-Megler Bridge colony and other colonies while minimizing DCCO dispersal to undesired areas.

# Predation Draft Final Recommendations

## **Piscine:**

- Develop a comprehensive piscine predator monitoring program for the Columbia River Basin (Northern pikeminnow, smallmouth bass, walleye)
- Other non-native fishes

**BREAK – 5 MINUTES**

# **Review of Caspian Terns Recommendation**

# **Review of Systemwide Recommendations**

# Predation Systemwide Potential Actions

	Implementation Actions
1	Decreasing transit time
2	Increasing flow
3	Promote cooler temperatures to reduce consumption rates by warmwater fish species and reduce disease incidence that may predispose fish to predation by birds and other predators
4	Promote policies to limit climate warming
5	To extent possible, modify hatchery releases to discourage subsidization of predators
6	Restore rearing habitats in estuary
7	Promote efforts to conserve marine forage fish, which serve as an alternative food source for many predators in the estuary
8	Reducing water transit time, increase migration speed and reduce predation risk (MOP)

# Predation Systemwide Potential Actions

	R M&E Actions
1	Long-term monitoring of avian colonies (predation rates, bird abundance)
2	Long-term study of effects of predators on reach, system-wide, and life-cycle survival (especially for steelhead)
3	Increasing spill
4	Investigate role of light reflection on water from structures (bridges, dams, piers, etc) to decrease visibility at night
5	Food web changes due to Shad and Siberian Shrimp for non-native predator populations

# Next Steps

**KW:** Send the finalized recommendations to the SIWG

**KW:** Develop summary of meeting and schedule next Predation meeting

**KW:** Create survey systemwide recommendations

**Pinniped Subgroup:** Prepare non-lethal recommendation for the WG to review

**Piscine Subgroup:** Regroup and prepare recommendations for final review 3/23



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Thank you!

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# Sources of Predation

## AVIAN



## MARINE MAMMAL



## PISCINE



# CBP Focus Species

CASPIAN TERNS, DOUBLE-CRESTED CORMORANTS, CA AND RING-BILLED GULLS

CALIFORNIA SEA LIONS, STELLER SEA LIONS, SEALS, *ORCAS\**

NORTHERN PIKEMINNOW, WALLEYE, SMALLMOUTH BASS

# Recommended Action Form

1. Work Group developing the action:
2. Summary of action:
  - a. Is this part of an existing program or new program?
3. Benefit: (link to matrices)
  - a. What benefit will the action provide?
  - b. What data support this?
4. Entities that would implement that action:
5. Timing:
  - a. How long will it take to implement that action?
  - b. How long until fish populations benefit from action?
6. Stock(s) benefited by the action and magnitude of benefit for each stock(s)
7. Estimated cost:
8. Uncertainties related to the action:
9. Regulatory processes or policies associated with the action:
10. Potential challenges:
11. Adaptive management (describe how this will be incorporated into to action):